



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Undersecretary, President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Department of Education.

ACTION: Announcement of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda for the February 14, 2020, meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (PBA) and provides information to members of the public about the meeting. Notice of the meeting is required by §10(a)2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

DATES: The PBA meeting will be held on February 14, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. E.D.T. at the U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Barnard Auditorium, Washington, DC, 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sedika Franklin, Designated Federal Official, U.S. Department of Education, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and

Universities, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PBA's Statutory Authority and Function: The PBA is established by Executive Order 13779 (February 28, 2017) and is continued by Executive Order 138891 (September 27, 2019). The PBA is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The purpose of the PBA is to advise the President, through the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Initiative), on all matters pertaining to strengthening the educational capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The PBA shall advise the President, through the Initiative, on all matters pertaining to strengthening the educational capacity of HBCUs, in particular, in the following areas:

- (i) improving the identity, visibility, and distinctive capabilities and overall competitiveness of HBCUs; (ii) engaging the philanthropic, business, government, military,

homeland-security, and education communities in a national dialogue regarding new HBCU programs and initiatives; (iii) improving the ability of HBCUs to remain fiscally secure institutions that can assist the nation in reaching its goal of having the highest proportion of college graduates by 2020; (iv) elevating the public awareness of HBCUs; and (v) encouraging public-private investments in HBCUs.

Meeting Agenda:

The meeting agenda will include welcoming remarks; legislative updates as they pertain the HBCU matters; a short discussion with the U.S. Department of Education; federal presentations; and group discussion. The public comment period will begin immediately following the conclusion of the federal reports.

Members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting via telephone may dial (202) 991-0393, 894863025#.

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting in person must submit an RSVP by e-mail to the whirsvps@ed.gov mailbox. RSVPs must be received by close of business on February 11, 2020. In the subject line of the email, insert "Meeting RSVP: President's Board of Advisors on

Historically Black Colleges and Universities." The email must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number, of the person(s) requesting to attend.

Submission of Requests to Make an Oral Comment: There are two methods the public may use to provide an oral comment pertaining to the work of the PBA at the February 14, 2020 meeting.

Method One: Submit a request by email to the whirsvps@ed.gov mailbox. Please do not send materials directly to PBA members. Requests must be received by February 11, 2020. In the subject line of the email request insert "Oral Comment Request: (Organization Name)." The email must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, telephone number, of the person(s) requesting to speak, and a brief summary (not to exceed one page) of the principal point(s) to be made. All individuals submitting an advance request in accordance with this notice will be afforded an opportunity to speak for no more than three minutes during the public comment period.

Method Two: Register at the meeting location on February 14, 2020, to make an oral comment during the public comment period. The requestor must provide his or her name, title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number. Individuals will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. If selected, each commenter will have an opportunity to speak for no more than three minutes.

All oral comments made will become part of the official record of the PBA. Similarly, written materials distributed during oral presentations will become part of the official record of the meeting.

Submission of Written Comments: Members of the public may submit written comments, which will be read during the public comment segment of the meeting. Written comments received by February 11, 2020, in the whirsvps@ed.gov mailbox will be read during the meeting. In the subject line insert "Written Comments: Public Comment." The email must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number, of the person(s) submitting the comment. Written comments should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document or in a medium compatible with Microsoft Word (not a PDF file) that

is attached to an electronic mail message email or provided in the body of an email message. Please do not send material directly to PBA members. In general, written comments pertaining to the work of the PBA may be sent to oswhi-hbcu@ed.gov.

Access to Records of the Meeting: The Department will post the official transcript of the meeting on the PBA website 90 days after the meeting at www.ed.gov. Pursuant to FACA, the public may also inspect the materials at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, by emailing oswhi-hbcu@ed.gov or by calling (202) 453-5634 to schedule an appointment.

Reasonable Accommodations: The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice by February 6, 2020. We will attempt to meet all requests received by the due date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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Diane Auer Jones,

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delegated the duties of Under Secretary.

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